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PEAT CUTTING AND SHALE MINING WELL UNDER WAY

PEAT TRUSTS REPORT 1948 SUCCESS -- Trud, No 115, 18 May 49

Enterprises of the Shatura Peat Trust fulfilled the 1948 plan for prepared peat 110.9 percent and the plan for supplying peat to electric power plants 102.5 percent. The trust achieved above-plan accumulations of 10 million rubles during 1948.

Enterprises of the Chernovenskii Peat Trust fulfilled the 1948 plan for prepared peat 107.8 percent and the plan for hauling peat 115.6 percent. The trust achieved above-plan accumulations of 5,249,000 rubles during 1948.

The Orekhovo-Zuyevo Peat Trust fulfilled the year plan for prepared peat 108.9 percent and the plan for hauling peat to power plants 112.2 percent. Lowering of the cost of production resulted in above-plan accumulations of 10,065,000 rubles.

MODERN MACHINERY USED -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No 96, 15 May 49

Belorussian peat enterprises are better organized for the present season than they were in 1968. They have been supplied with modern peat-mining machinery. The peat-cutting machines alone should enable enterprises of the Ministry of Local Fuel Industry to increase their output 22 percent.

"Zmayevka," "Mikhanovichki," "Glubotskoye," and other peat enterprises started cutting 20 days ahead of schedule. By 1 April, the official date for the opening of the peat season, several tens of thousands of bricks of peat had already been cut.

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ESTONIAN SHALE MINE UPS PRODUCTION -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 106, 7 May 49

The "Vivikond" Mine of the "Estonslanets" Combine completed the 5-month production plan for shale mining one month ahead of schedule. The shale output was 19 percent over the same period of last year. Labor productivity of miners has increased 14 percent.

The "Vivikond" miners promised to complete the 6-month plan for shale mining by 1 June.

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